

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of)
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Shigeori TAKENAKA) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: July 12, 2001)
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For: A PROBE FOR DETECTING A)
HIGHLY ORDERED)
STRUCTURAL SITE OF A)
SINGLE STRANDED NUCLEIC)
ACID OF A GENE, AND A)
METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR)
DETECTING THE SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein and add new claims 16-19 as follows:

1 ~~16~~ (New) A method for detecting a highly ordered structural site of a nucleic acid of a gene, the method of comprising: